COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT-SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

DATE February 7, 1996

FILE NO. 096-02941-2199-037

C- ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON
ON A PEACE OFFICER
245 (D) (1) P.C.
ROBBERY 211 P.C.

Taken: **ACTIVE**
Investigation made/
Witnesses interviewed/
Evidence held/
Coroners's Case Number
96-04109 Issued/

V-1 [redacted] M/H 17
[redacted]

V-2 ARELLANO, Jose Guadalupe, Deputy Sheriff #[redacted]
Century Sheriff's Station
214A, PM's

V-3 ANDERSON, Scott Richard, Deputy Sheriff #[redacted]
Century Sheriff's Station
214A, PM's

L-1 1910 Rosecrans Avenue, Compton, (robbery scene)

L-2 [redacted] West Myrrh Avenue, Compton, (collision scene)

L-3 [redacted] Indigo Street, Compton, (shooting scene)

D- 2-7-96, Wednesday, 2110 hours.

S-1 BLEVINS, Trenton Jermaine M/B 21 (deceased)
AKA "Bay Bay"
420 East 55th Street
Long Beach
CDL [redacted]
MAIN
CII

S-2 [redacted] M/O 18 (uninjured) In Custody
[redacted]
Booking number [redacted]

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EVIDENCE HELD

Item #13 One (1) Pistol, Beretta, 92F, Serial number BER100391Z with one magazine and 10 live rounds, issued to Deputy Anderson.
Collected at Century Station by Jones and Greenwood, 2-8-96, H772178.

Item #14 One (1) Pistol, Beretta, 92F, Serial number BER103862Z with one magazine and 11 live rounds issued to Deputy Arellano.
Collected at Century Station by Jones and Greenwood, 2-8-96, H772178.

Item #15 One (1) Envelope containing 10 Coroner's envelopes each containing firearms evidence recovered by Doctor Golden during the autopsy on suspect Blevins on 2-12-96, H783300.

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On 2-7-96, at 2200 hours, Investigators Jones and Greenwood were dispatched from their respective residences to the intersection of Aranbe Avenue and Indigo, City of Compton, to investigate a deputy involved shooting at that location. Investigators Jim Sears #[redacted] and Gerald Burks #[redacted], were assigned the assist in the investigation. The initial information was that patrol units from Century Station had pursued a robbery suspect to the Aranbe Avenue and Indigo location. The suspect pointed a hand gun at the deputies. The deputies fired several rounds killing the suspect.

Investigators Jones and Greenwood arrived at the scene at 2317 hours. Investigators Jones and Greenwood were advised that two units were handling the incident. Unit 215A, Deputies Rick Rector #[redacted] and [redacted] #[redacted], were handling the shooting on Indigo (location #3). Unit 210B8, Deputies John Rossman #[redacted] and Ian Stade #[redacted] were handling the robbery, pursuit and arrest of suspect [redacted], [redacted] Myrrh Lane (location #2). The Compton Police Department was handling the traffic accident that occurred at the end of the pursuit, on Myrrh Lane (location #2). In addition Officer [redacted] #[redacted], of the Compton Police Department, would be monitoring the investigation.

Deputies Rector, Becerra, Rossman and Stade, stated that suspects Blevins and [redacted] robbed victim [redacted] at gun point as he concluded a phone call at the pay phones at "Super Track" auto parts, located at 1910 Rosecrans Avenue (loc. #1). The suspects took victim [redacted] "Dallas Cowboy's" jacket, a brown pager and approximately $30.00 U.S. currency. The suspects entered their vehicle, a silver Toyota, and fled. Victim [redacted] got in his vehicle and followed the suspects. Mr. [redacted] hailed a passing Sheriff's unit (210B8, Deputies Rossman and Stade) on Wilmington Avenue and pointed out the suspect vehicle advising the deputies that the occupants of the vehicle had just robbed him and they had a gun. Deputies Rossman and Stade made a u-turn and positioned their vehicle behind the suspects vehicle, a 1988 Toyota, [redacted]. Deputies Rossman and Stade activated their red lights at which time the suspects fled, ignoring the red lights and eventually the siren. Deputies Rossman and Stade pursued the suspects with the assistance of Air 22 and other ground units. The pursuit ended when the suspects lost control of their vehicle and crashed into two parked cars in the driveway of [redacted] West Myrrh Street (location#2). The passenger suspect ([redacted]) was arrested immediately at the Myrrh Lane location. The driver, suspect Blevins, fled on foot under the surveillance of Air 22. Air 22 directed an assisting ground unit, (roof number 804) Deputies Anderson and Arellano, to the location where suspect Blevins was hiding. The suspect again fled on foot under the surveillance of Air 22. Air 22 directed Deputies Anderson and Arellano to the suspects secondary location, [redacted] Indigo (location #3). As the deputies approached the secondary location the suspect rose up from behind a pick-up truck and pointed a gun at the deputies. At this time both deputies opened fire killing the suspect.

Investigators Sears and Burks arrived at 2320 hours, and took charge of the shooting scene investigation. Investigators Jones and Greenwood responded to Century Station to interview victim [redacted] and other involved Sheriff's Department personnel.

On 2-8-96, at 0105 hours, Investigators Jones and Greenwood interviewed victim [redacted] M/H17, who resides at [redacted]. This interview was conducted in an interview room at Century Station and it was tape recorded. The following is a summary of the interview.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he had been grocery shopping at the "Food 4 Less" store located at Central Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue (1900 E. Rosecrans Avenue). Mr. [redacted] exited the store and made a phone call from the pay phones located in front of the "Super Track" auto parts store (1910 E. Rosecrans Avenue). While



Mr. [redacted] was on the phone two individuals, described as a Male, black, 6′ 0′, slim build with a tattoo of a tear drop by one of his eyes, and a second individual described only as a male Samoan, approached the bank of phones and pretended to use one of the other phones.

When Mr. [redacted] finished his phone call the male black pulled a gun, described as a dark color semi-automatic pistol, and pointed it at Mr. [redacted]. The male black stated "give me all your money and your jacket." At this time the male black took a pager off of Mr. [redacted] belt. Mr. [redacted] removed his jacket and handed it to the male black. The male black then reached into Mr. [redacted] right front pants pocket and removed a sum of money, between $30.00 and $40.00, consisting of one 20 dollar bill and possibly one 10 dollar bill. While the male black was collecting Mr. [redacted] property the Samoan acted as a look out. When the male black had collected Mr. [redacted] property the Samoan suspect searched Mr. [redacted] vehicle, but did not take anything. The male black told Mr. [redacted] not to follow them and both suspects walked away and entered a silver Toyota and drove off.

Mr. [redacted] entered his vehicle and followed the suspects at a distance. Mr. [redacted] followed the suspects until he ran across a Sheriff's patrol unit. Mr. [redacted] hailed the Sheriff's unit, pointed out a silver Toyota, told the Deputies that the occupants had just robbed him and they had a gun. Mr. [redacted] stated that when the Deputies tried to stop the suspect they fled at a high rate of speed. The Deputies pursued the suspects and Mr. [redacted] followed the Deputies. Eventually the suspects crashed their vehicle. The deputies asked Mr. [redacted] to look at the individual they had just detained. Mr. [redacted] recognized this individual as one of the two men (Samoan) that had just robbed him. After identifying the suspect the Deputies asked Mr. [redacted] to follow another sheriff's unit to Century Sheriff's Station.

On 2-8-96, at 0140 hours, Investigators interviewed **Deputy Scott Anderson #**[redacted] at the Century Sheriff's Station. The interview was tape recorded. The following statement is a summary of that interview. Deputy Anderson was assigned to unit 214A PM's, [redacted] hours. Deputy Anderson was the driver of the assigned unit and was working with Deputy Jose Arellano #[redacted].

Deputy Anderson stated on 2-7-96, at approximately 2130 hours they were travelling eastbound on El Segundo Boulevard near Compton Avenue. He stated they monitored a radio broadcast from dispatch 4 an open frequency from one of the other patrol units.

The patrol unit stated they were following a vehicle used in a robbery containing armed suspects. They also stated they were travelling southbound Wilmington at Compton Boulevard. Deputy Anderson stated from their location they were approximately 1-1 ½ miles away and knew they had a short response time. Deputy Anderson continued to drive eastbound on El Segundo to southbound on Wilmington attempting to catch up to the patrol unit. He stated as they approached Rosecrans the other patrol unit advised they were now in pursuit of the suspect's vehicle.

The pursuing unit started giving locations in the area south of Compton Boulevard which is in the City of Compton. Deputy Anderson stated he was not familiar with the streets, however, he did recognize Laurel Street as the first street south of Compton Boulevard. The pursuing unit kept broadcasting that they were east of Wilmington and south of Compton Boulevard. He said they knew they were in the right area and as they approached the intersection of Compton Boulevard and Wilmington they observed the Sheriff's helicopter overhead.

Deputy Anderson said he turned onto Laurel and continued to follow the street while watching the spot light from the Sheriff's helicopter. As he passed a Compton Police vehicle, Deputy Anderson heard the Sheriff's helicopter observer say "804 keep going south, 804 go south." He stated 804 was the roof top number of his patrol unit. Deputy Anderson said just prior to these instructions the helicopter observer had broadcast that the vehicle being chased had crashed and that deputies were detaining one person in the vehicle and one person had run from the location. The observer stated that the helicopter was following the suspect who was running from the scene. Deputy Anderson said he knew at this time that the helicopter observer was directing him towards the other suspect. He stated they ended up stopped on Laurel next to a block wall. The helicopter observer told them to try and get over the wall.

Deputy Anderson said he climbed over the block wall and observed the helicopter's spotlight approximately three houses away on the north side of the street. The observer directed them towards a Toyota van which was parked in a driveway. When Deputy Anderson reached the van the helicopter observer said the suspect was on the west side of the house where the van was parked. The observer stated the suspect was hiding behind a window which protruded out from the house. Deputy Anderson said at this point he had his gun out and started to walk up to the location thinking the suspect may or may not have a gun. As he neared the window, Deputy Anderson said he saw part of the suspect illuminated by the helicopter's spotlight. He said the suspect was crouched down behind the window.

Deputy Anderson said he was trying to maneuver to get a better look at the suspect and was shouting out orders for the suspect to give up and show his hands. Deputy Anderson got within about 20 feet of the suspect, when the suspect stood up turned his back and walked through the side gate into the rear yard at the location. As Deputy Anderson reached the rear gate the helicopter observer said "he's doubling back." Deputy Anderson said to him this meant that the suspect was on the other side of the house and he was heading back towards the street. Deputy Anderson stated he turned around and ran back towards the driveway and along side of the Toyota van that was parked in the driveway. The helicopter observer then stated the suspect was on the other side of the truck. Deputy Anderson said he came around the van and observed a small white pickup truck parked next to the van. The observer continued to tell Deputy Anderson that the suspect was crouched down behind the truck.

Deputy Anderson said at this time he walked out towards the sidewalk and street area in a wide arc trying to see the suspect who was hiding behind the pickup truck. He said he was about 5 or 6 steps out from the van when all of sudden the suspect popped up. He said the suspect had a gun in his right hand and was looking at him. He said the suspect held the gun first at his waist and then extended his arm out. Deputy Anderson stated that the gun barrel was pointed at him from the suspect's waist position to his outstretched arm position. Deputy Anderson said because of the suspect's quick movements from behind the pick up truck he thought the suspect was going to shoot him. Deputy Anderson said he immediately began firing at the suspect and thought he fired about four rounds.

Deputy Anderson said heard other gunshots and when he quickly looked over his shoulder he saw his partner (Deputy Arellano) with his gun out and figured he must have also shot. Deputy Anderson said he made a broadcast that there had been a deputy involved shooting. Deputy Anderson said his partner went up to the suspect and handcuffed him. Deputy Anderson stated he didn't know their exact location so he ran about [redacted] feet to an intersection and gave their location (Indigo just west of Aranbe). He then ran back to his partner where they waited for paramedics and assisting patrol units. Interview concluded at 0155 hours.

On 2-8-96, at 0205 hours, Investigators Jones and Greenwood interviewed **Deputy Jeffery Markland Jones** #[redacted], assigned to Sheriff's Aero Bureau. This interview was conducted in an interview room at Century Sheriff's Station and it was tape recorded. The following is a summary of the interview.



Deputy Jones stated that he was the observer in Air 22 on 2-7-96. At approximately 2130 hours, he monitored a radio call from unit 210B8, that they were following a man with a gun, possible robbery vehicle southbound Wilmington Avenue from Compton Boulevard. Deputy Jones heard unit 210B8 further report their position as being north on Laurel Avenue. Deputy Jones was familiar with Laurel Avenue and he advised the pilot on how to respond to the location. Deputy Jones projected their response time at approximately 2 minutes.

Deputy Jones first caught sight of the suspect vehicle as it was travelling south on Sherer Place. The driver of the suspect vehicle lost control as he attempted to make a right turn from southbound Sherer Place to Eastbound Myrrh Lane. The suspect vehicle travelled up on the front yards of the residences on the south side of Myrrh Lane and collided with two cars parked in a driveway. The driver suspect immediately exited the vehicle and fled southbound between the houses, jumping over fences. The passenger suspect was taken into custody at the crash site. The driver suspect moved westbound for one yard. He then jumped a fence travelling southbound into the rear yard of a house on Indigo. The driver suspect moved through the rear yard and attempted to conceal himself against the west wall of that residence.

Deputy Jones observed a radio car on the street immediately west of the driver suspects location. Using the roof top number (unable to recall the number) Deputy Jones instructed the ground unit to stop, exit their vehicle and jump the wall immediately east of them. Deputy Jones directed the deputies east on Indigo and into the front yard of a house with a gray van parked in the driveway. The deputies travelled north through the front yard approaching the driver suspects place of concealment. At this time the suspect abandoned his hiding spot and ran back into the rear yard of the residence. The suspect circled through the yard and turned south along the east side of the house, running back towards the street. Deputy Jones advised the deputies that the suspect had doubled back and they should move back towards the street.

The deputies started back toward the street (Indigo) and as they came around the corner of a gray van parked in the driveway they encountered the suspect. The suspect was crouched down at the knees and he was bringing his arms up. The suspect had an object in his right hand however Deputy Jones could not tell what it was. Both deputies had their weapons drawn which they pointed at the suspect. At this point the suspect turned and dropped to his knees and fell to the ground on his stomach. Deputy Jones released the frequency and the deputies advised that

they had been involved in a shooting. One of the deputies handcuffed the suspect and a shooting scene was established. Deputy Jones did not hear any shots being fired.

On 2-8-96, at 0225 hours, Investigators Jones and Greenwood interviewed **Sergeant John McLean #[redacted]**, assigned to Sheriff's Aero Bureau. This interview was conducted in an interview room at Century Sheriff's Station. This interview was tape recorded. The following is a summary of the interview.

Sergeant McLean stated that on 2-7-96, he was the pilot in Air 22. Initially Sergeant McLean heard a Century unit following a robbery vehicle in the vicinity of Compton Airport. Sergeant McLean immediately started to respond to the reporting ground units location, Wilmington Avenue near the Compton Airport.

Sergeant McLean first saw the radio car travelling north on a street that parallels Wilmington Avenue with it's lights activated pursuing a small silver vehicle. Sergeant McLean followed the silver vehicle while his partner radioed the vehicle's direction of travel to the ground units. The vehicle was travelling south on a street that parallels Compton Creek. The driver of the suspect vehicle lost control as he tried to negotiate a right turn. The suspect vehicle collided with two vehicle parked in a driveway of a residence on the south side of the street.

The driver exited the vehicle and fled on foot, south through a back yard. The driver suspect then turned westbound over at least one fence and south into the rear yard of a house. The driver suspect ran through that yard and into the side yard of that house, where he took up a position of concealment against the west side of the house by a bay window. Deputy Jones was directing two deputes on the ground to the suspects location. As the deputies got to within twenty to thirty feet of the suspect he ran back into the rear yard, ran around the back of the house and ran south along the east side of the house back towards the street. Deputy Jones advised the deputies on the ground that the suspect had doubled back and was heading for the street. Sergeant McLean next saw the suspect coming to the front of the house on the east side as the deputies came around the house on he west side. Both deputies had their guns drawn.

At this time Sergeant McLean was diverted momentarily to attend to aircraft/flight needs. While Sergeant McLean was attending to the aircraft/flight needs he heard the deputies advise that they had been involved in a shooting, he looked back and saw suspect was lying face down with his feet on the driveway.

On 2-8-96, at 0240 hours, Investigators interviewed **Deputy Jose Arellano #**[redacted] at the Century Sheriff's Station. The interview was tape recorded. The following statement is a summary of that interview. Deputy Arellano was assigned to unit 214A PM's, [redacted] hours. Deputy Arellano was the passenger (bookman) of the assigned unit and was working with Deputy Scott Anderson #[redacted].

Deputy Arellano stated on 2-7-96 they were travelling eastbound on El Segundo approaching Wilmington. He stated they monitored a radio broadcast from unit 210B8 who stated they were following a vehicle used in a robbery containing suspects who were possibly armed. The unit stated they were travelling southbound Wilmington from Compton Boulevard. Deputy Arellano said they continued southbound on Wilmington to catch up and assist unit 210B8. Unit 210B8 then advised they were in pursuit of the suspect vehicle. Deputy Arellano said the last thing he heard over the radio from the pursuing deputies was that the suspect vehicle went eastbound on Laurel and the Sheriff's helicopter was overhead following the pursuit.

Deputy Arellano said they continued southbound on Wilmington and turned eastbound on Laurel. They continued on Laurel to approximately Center Street when the Sheriff's helicopter observer started to call out the roof top number of their patrol unit. Deputy Arellano stated at about the same time another radio broadcast said the suspect vehicle had crashed and the suspect driving the vehicle had fled from the scene. The helicopter observer continued to give them instructions towards the suspect who had fled on foot. At one point they were told to stop and go over a wall and the suspect was on the other side of the wall.

Deputy Arellano said his partner, Deputy Anderson, climbed over the wall first and he followed. The helicopter observer continued to give them instructions to where the suspect was located. Deputy Arellano said he remembers the observer saying the suspect was in the backyard of the house where there is a silver Toyota parked in the driveway. He said Deputy Anderson ran to that location and then down the walkway along side of the house to the gate leading to the backyard. Deputy Arellano stated he was still 20 to 30 yards to Anderson's rear trying to catch up. The observer then stated the suspect was doubling back around the house going towards the front yard. The observer told them again to go to the front yard because the suspect was in the front yard. He said the suspect was crouched down hiding behind the bed of a white pickup truck parked in the driveway.

Deputy Arellano said Deputy Anderson came out from behind



the van parked in the driveway. He said Deputy Anderson walked along driveway and he followed behind Deputy Anderson. Deputy Arellano said as he cleared from behind the van the suspect popped up from behind the pickup truck. He stated Deputy Anderson was about 5 to 6 feet in front of him and the suspect was holding a gun in his right hand. The suspect was pointing the gun at Deputy Anderson. Deputy Arellano said he then heard a pop and thought the suspect had shot so he returned fire approximately 3 or 4 rounds. He said the suspect started spinning around with the gun still in his hand and then the suspect went down to the ground. He also heard Deputy Anderson firing his weapon. Once the suspect was on the ground, Deputy Anderson covered him while he approached the suspect and handcuffed him. Deputy Anderson put out a radio broadcast of a deputy involved shooting and then ran to the corner to get their location. Interview concluded at 0248 hours.

On 2-8-96, Investigators Jones and Greenwood presented the facts of this case to Deputy District Sergio Gonzalez, of the Century Branch of the District Attorney's Office, for consideration in issuance of the appropriate criminal complaint. A charge of robbery 211 P.C. was filed against suspect [redacted], case number [redacted]. Suspect [redacted] was arraigned on 2-9-96.

This investigation will remain active, further reports to follow as additional information becomes available.

JOHN GREENWOOD, #[redacted], SERGEANT
JON JONES, #[redacted], DEPUTY
APPROVED: FRANK MERRIMAN, #[redacted], LIEUTENANT
DETECTIVE DIVISION - HOMICIDE BUREAU

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

DATE FEBRUARY 13, 1996 **FILE NO.** 096-02941-2199-037

C- ARMED ROBBERY - 211 P.C./ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON ON A PEACE OFFICER - 245D (1) P.C./DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING/SUSPECT DECEASED

Action Taken ACTIVE/INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED/EVIDENCE HELD/PROPERTY STOLEN RECOVERED & HELD AS EVIDENCE/CC #96-01195

V- SEE BELOW

D- 02-07-96 (WEDNESDAY) AT 2135 HOURS

L- [redacted] INDIGO STREET, COMPTON

S- #1: BLEVINS, TRENTON JERMAINE MB/21 (DECEASED)
#2: [redacted] MS/18 (IN CUSTODY)

VICTIMS:

#1:	[redacted]	MH/17
#2:	ARELLANO, JOSE	MH/38 (DEPUTY)
#3:	ANDERSON, SCOTT	MW/30 (DEPUTY)

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EVIDENCE HELD

Item No. 1 - One semiautomatic 9mm pistol, Fariquie Nationale D'armes De Guerre (Browning high power) brand, blue steel with brown grips, serial #[redacted] with one live round in chamber and 9 live rounds in the magazine, recovered from beneath Suspect Blevins' body as depicted in photos. Refer lab receipt #H772177.

Items Nos. 2-12 - Eleven expended 9mm shell casings, imprinted "Win Luger 9mm" on the base, recovered from in front of the driveway at [redacted] Indigo Street near the north curb line as depicted in photos. Refer lab receipt #H772179.

Item No. 13 - One expended bullet recovered near Suspect Blevins' upper body as depicted in photos. Refer lab receipt #H772179.

Item No. 14 - One VHS video tape of the crime scene by F.I.S. Mutuc.

Note: Exact location of Items Nos. 1 - 13 contained in a sketch prepared by F.I.S. Mutuc.

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Property stolen from Victim [redacted], recovered and held as evidence:

Item No. 15 - One telephone pager (brown) recovered from Suspect Blevins' left front trouser pocket by Coroner's Investigator Shepherd as depicted in photos.

Item No. 16 - U.S. currency, one $20 bill, one $10 bill, and one $5 bill (total $35) recovered from Suspect Blevins' left front trouser pocket by Coroner's Investigator Shepherd as depicted in photos.

Note: Items 1 -16 recovered by Investigators and released to Investigator Jones at Century Sheriff's Station.

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On 02-07-96, Wednesday, at 2200 hours, Investigators were contacted and detailed to respond to the location to assist Sergeant Greenwood and Investigator Jones, Homicide Bureau, in investigating the events and circumstances surrounding the shooting death of Suspect Trenton Blevins by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies.

Investigators arrived at the location at approximately 2320 hours and noted the crime scene containment began at Cypress Street and Aranbe Avenue, south of the location. Investigators proceeded north on Aranbe Avenue, just south of Indigo Street, and observed a Crime Scene Command Vehicle parked at this location. Investigators also observed the crime scene to be located on the west end of Indigo Street which is a cul-de-sac and observed additional crime scene tape was utilized to contain this area.

Investigators met with Sergeant Greenwood, Investigator Jones, and Lieutenant Merriman of the Homicide Bureau, as well as Detective [redacted] #[redacted] of the Compton Police Department's Homicide Unit, and contacted the handling Deputies Rick Rector, employee #[redacted], and [redacted], employee #[redacted], Unit 215A P.M.'s.

Deputy Rector briefed Investigators as to information obtained during his investigation and contained in his and assisting deputies' reports indicating at approximately 2110 hours the suspect's robbed Victim #1, [redacted] at gunpoint at Rosecrans

and Central Avenues. Victim [redacted], flagged down a passing Sheriff's patrol vehicle and advised them of the situation. A pursuit of the suspect's vehicle ensued involving Aero Bureau, Unit Air #22.

The suspects were pursued to [redacted] West Myrrh Lane, Compton, where they were involved in a traffic collision. Suspect #1, Trenton Blevins, fled southbound on foot and Suspect #2, Bryner Auelua, was arrested at that location.

Air 22 directed Victims #2 and #3, Deputies Arellano and Anderson, to the location where the the officer involved shooting incident at [redacted] Indigo Street in Compton. At that time, Suspect Blevins pointed a semiautomatic pistol at the victim deputies who fired several shots from their 9mm duty weapons killing him at approximately 2135 hours.

Captain Sotello, Compton Fire Department, responded to the location and pronounced Suspect Blevins dead at approximately 2145 hours.

Sergeants Mike Barnum and Katie Campbell, Internal Affairs Bureau, responded to the location and were briefed by Lietenant Merriman.

Investigators conducted a walk through examination of the deputy involved shooting crime scene at the location. Upon completion of this examination, it was decided that Sergeant Sears and Investigator Burks would conduct the crime scene examination while Sergeant Greenwood and Investigator Jones interviewed the victim deputies and witnesses.

Deputy Rector further advised Investigators the victim deputies' vehicle was parked northbound on Center Avenue directly west of the dead end of the cul-de-sac on Indigo Street; furthermore, the location of the suspects' vehicle which was involved in a traffic collision, was on Myrrh Lane, one block northeast of the deputy involved shooting location on Indigo Street.

Deputy Rector also advised Investigators all of the locations involved in this incident had been thoroughly canvassed for witnesses by assisting deputies, who will submit supplemental reports.

Prior to Investigators thoroughly examining the crime scene, they proceeded to the location where the victim deputies' patrol vehicle which was parked which was northbound on Center Avenue directly west of the dead end of the cul-de-sac of Indigo Street. The west end of the cul-de-sac was separated from Center Avenue by a block wall. Investigators observed the L.A. County Sheriff's Department's black and white patrol vehicle parked at the east curb of Center Avenue.

Investigators then proceeded to [redacted] Myrrh Lane in Compton and contacted **DEPUTIES JOHN ROSSMAN**, employee #[redacted] and **IAN STADE**, employee #[redacted], unit 210B8.

Deputy Stade related information contained in his and assisting Deputy Rossman's reports indicating Victim [redacted] had waived them down stating he had just been robbed by the suspects and pointed out their vehicle. Deputy Stade indicated they pursued the suspects' vehicle using their red lights and siren to the Myrrh location where the driver of the vehicle (Suspect Blevins) lost control of the vehicle, entered a driveway at that location, striking two vehicles which were parked in the driveway. Deputies Stade and Rossman arrested Suspect Auelua as he was seated in the right front passenger's seat of this vehicle.

Deputy Stade also stated Suspect Blevins fled southbound on foot through several residential yards. Deputy Stade was in contact with Aero Bureau Unit Air #22, who was overhead and directed the victim deputies along Suspect Blevins' path as he fled on foot. A short time later, Deputy Stade heard several gunshots and subsequently ascertained Suspect Blevins had been shot by pursuing deputies.

Investigators observed the suspects' vehicle to be a silver, 1988 Toyota Tercel with no license plates. An expired temporary registration paper was attached to the rear window and indicated the license of this vehicle to be [redacted]. The front end of the vehicle was facing westbound and had impacted the driver's side of a vehicle parked in the driveway of the location which was facing southbound. The impact to this vehicle caused it to strike yet another vehicle parked in the driveway which was next to it.

The details of this traffic collision will be contained in a report by Officer [redacted], #[redacted], Compton Police Department. Refer to report #96-05015.

Deputy Stade further stated he had ascertained this vehicle had been taken in a carjacking on 02-01-96 at Compton Boulevard and Acacia Avenue in Compton. The suspect was described only as a male, Black, with a handgun. Refer to Compton Police Department report #96-04109.

Deputy Stade further indicated Victim [redacted] had responded to the location of the suspects' vehicle and identified his jacket, which had been taken during the robbery, inside the suspects' vehicle. At that time, they also recovered two $5 bills, and three $1 bills, which they believed were stolen from Victim [redacted] during the armed robbery.

Investigators observed the driver's door of the vehicle to be in an open position and observed the victim's jacket and currency

laying in the front seat area. Investigators also observed a one page letter (no envelope) laying on the floor in the front of the driver's seat. The letter was addressed to [redacted], dated 01-31-96. Deputies Stade and Rossman will book the jacket, currency, and letter as evidence in their robbery investigation as well as impound the suspects' vehicle.

Deputy Stade further indicated Victim [redacted] had reported his brown pager and additional U.S. currency, possibly a $20, $10, and one or two $5 bills, had also been taken during the robbery. Refer to report by Deputies Stade and Rossman for further details.

Investigators returned to the crime scene on Indigo Street and contacted Sheriff's Criminalistics Laboratory assisting personnel F.I.S. II, Alex Strouzer, employee #[redacted], and F.I.S. II Martin Mutuc, employee #[redacted]. Investigators briefed them regarding the shooting incident and then initially directed them to photograph the victim deputies' patrol vehicle. They were also directed to the Myrrh location to photograph and examine the suspects' vehicle.

The location was observed to be a residential neighborhood with [redacted] Indigo Street being [redacted] of the cul-de-sac. The width of Indigo Street, at this point, measured approximately 35 feet 8 inches. [redacted] Indigo Street is a single story house located on the north side of Indigo Street with a cement driveway approximately 15 feet 6 inches wide and 25 feet 6 inches long leading to a double garage. Investigators observed two vehicles in the driveway facing northbound. The vehicle parked northbound on the west side of the driveway is a grey, Toyota van, license #[redacted] and the vehicle parked northbound on the east side of the driveway is a white, Nissan pick-up, license #[redacted].

Investigators observed an approximately 13 feet 6-inch wide dirt planter area immediately adjacent to the east side of the driveway. Suspect Blevins was observed laying face up in this dirt planter area approximately six feet north of the street with his feet on top of the east side of the cement driveway.

Investigators observed Suspect Blevins' head was to the east and feet to the west, his hands were handcuffed behind his back. He was wearing a black leather jacket, grey pull over shirt, white undershirt, grey pants with a black belt, black tennis shoes, and white socks. His legs were crossed with his left leg over his right leg. Investigators further observed the Evidence Held Item No. 1, 9mm pistol, laying on the dirt, partially covered by the his lower legs.

Investigators observed the area where Suspect Blevins was laying to be in darkness and utilized their flashlights during this investigation. A street light was situated just [redacted] of the cement driveway, and approximately 5 1/2 feet [redacted] of the north curb line of Indigo Street.

Investigators observed Evidence Held Items Nos. 2 through 12, expended 9mm shell casings, to be in the street at the entrance of the driveway extending from the east side of the driveway to the aforementioned street light near the north curb line of Indigo Street. It should be noted the Evidence Held Items Nos. 2-12 were clearly visible under the street light.

It appeared from the position of the shell casings, one of the victim deputies may have been situated near the sidewalk at the west side of the driveway, and the other, at the entrance of the driveway on the north side of Indigo Street.

Investigators observed Evidence Held Item No. 13, one expended bullet, laying in the dirt in the planter area approximately one foot north of the Suspect Blevins' head.

F.I.S. II Strouzer and Mutuc returned to this location and were directed in photographing, video taping, and preparing a sketch depicting the exact locations of Evidence Held Items Nos. 1 through 13. A copy of F.I.S. Mutuc's crime scene sketch will be submitted with this supplemental report.

Coroner's Investigator Michael Shepherd arrived at the location at 0222 hours on Thursday, 02-08-96, and assisted in a further examination of Suspect Blevins. Prior to Coroner's Investigator Shepherd examining the body, Sergeant Sears removed the Evidence Held Item No. 1, 9mm pistol, from beneath the suspect's legs. Sergeant Sears observed the hammer of the semiautomatic pistol to be in a half cock position. Due to officer safety, Sergeant Sears unloaded the weapon and observed it contained one live 9mm round in the chamber and 9 live 9mm rounds in the magazine.

Coroner's Investigator Shepherd utilized GSR kit #A5801 on the deceased suspect's hands. During this examination, Investigators observed Suspect Blevins had sustained multiple gunshot wounds including a bullet wound to his right chest with an expended bullet observed protruding from the skin, and a bullet wound to his left front shoulder with a copper jacket observed between his skin and shirt.

Investigators observed two other bullet wounds to his upper torso, two bullet wounds to his lower left leg, and what appeared to be a graze wound on his left forearm. During this examination, Coroner's Investigator Shepherd turned Suspect Blevins from a face up position to a face down position, at which time, an expended

bullet fell out of the suspect's clothing from his upper front body.

This expended bullet as well as the expended bullet and copper jacket protruding from the suspect's upper torso, were retained by Coroner's Investigator Shepherd.

Investigator further observed a black knit cap laying in the dirt planter area approximately 1 foot north of the suspect's head. Upon further examination of this knit cap, Investigators observed a flattened expended bullet embedded in the front of the cap; however, this expended round did not penetrate the cap. This expended bullet was also retained by Coroner's Investigator Shepherd. It did not appear that the suspect was wearing the knit cap at the time the shooting occurred.

During the examination, Investigators observed Suspect Blevins to have the following tattoos: a [redacted], assisting deputies stated this indicated he was a Park Village Compton Crip, and a tattoo on his [redacted]

Coroner's Investigator Shepherd removed the suspect's wallet from his right rear trouser pocket which contained California identification card #[redacted] with the name of Trenton Jermaine Blevins, DOB: 04-24-74, 5"11", 165 pounds, black hair, hazel eyes and residence address of [redacted]. The card was issued on 09-13-95.

Coroner's Investigator Shepherd confirmed the deceased suspect had hazel eyes and identified him from his California identification card photo which was retained by Coroner's Investigator Shepherd.

Coroner's Investigator Shepherd removed the property that was stolen from Victim [redacted] which was seized as Evidence Held Items Nos. 15 and 16, brown telephone pager and U.S. currency one $20 bill, one $10 bill, and one $5 bill, from Suspects Blevins' left front trouser pocket. Items #15 and #16 were retained by Investigators. Coroner's Investigator Shepherd also removed a "Food for Less" purchase receipt from the same pocket which he retained with Suspect Blevins' property.

Evidence Held Items Nos 1 through 13 (firearms evidence) were photographed with the assistance of F.I.S. Strouzer then collected and retained by Investigators. F.I.S. Mutuc provided Investigators with Evidence Held Item No. 14, the VHS video tape of the crime scene, which was also retained by Investigators.

During the crime scene investigations, Homicide Investigators received a note from assisting deputy personnel indicating if the decease's name is Trenton Blevins, the next of kin is his [redacted],



[redacted] DOB: [redacted], residence address: [redacted], [redacted], telephone number [redacted] or [redacted].

Upon Investigators confirming the identity of the deceased suspect as Trenton Blevins, his [redacted] was notified of his death by assisting Sheriff's personnel and Coroner's Investigator Shepherd.

Investigators directed F.I.S. Strouzer to take daytime aerial photographs of the location to show the relation of the crime scene to the victim deputies' vehicle and the location of the suspects' vehicle.

On 02-08-96, Thursday, at approximately 0600 hours, Investigators responded to Century Sheriff's Station and advised Sergeant Greenwood and Investigator Jones regarding the crime scene investigation and evidence recovered. Evidence Held Items No. 1 through 16 were released to Investigator Jones at Century Station.

The investigation will be handled to conclusion by Sergeant Greenwood and Investigator Jones.

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